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RE: Certification of High Cost Support for Rural Carriers Under 47 C.F.R Sections  
54.314 CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Flannery:

Attached is a list of rural carriers which have accounted to the North Dakota Public Service Commission by affidavit that all federal support they will receive in 2006 will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with section 254 (e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

Also attached is a copy of the September 21, 2005 Order of the North Dakota Public Service Commission and the affidavits from the companies listed.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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| COMPANY NAME  | STUDY AREA CODE |
|---|-----------------|
| Absaraka Co-operative Telephone Company, Inc.                   | 381601          |
| BEK Communications Cooperative                                  | 381604          |
| Badlands Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership           | 389009          |
| Bismarck MSA Limited Partnership                                | 389005          |
| Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota, LLC           |                 |
| Consolidated Telcom   | 381607          |
| Dakota Central Telecom I  | 381610          |
| Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative                   | 381610          |
| Dickey Rural Access, Inc.                                       | 381611          |
| Dickey Rural Communications Inc.                                | 381611          |
| Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative                              | 381611          |
| Griggs County Telephone Company                                 | 381615          |
| Halstad Telephone Company                                       | 361401          |
| HTC Services, Inc.  | 389002          |
| Inter-Community Telephone Company, LLC                          | 381616          |
| James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company                      | 391664          |
| Loretel Systems, Inc.   | 361443          |
| Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative Inc.                           | 482246          |
| Midstate Communications Inc                                     | 381638          |
| Midstate Telephone Company                                      | 381617          |
| Missouri Valley Communications, Inc.                            | 382247          |
| Moore & Liberty Telephone Company                               | 381622          |
| Nemont Telephone Cooperative Inc                                | 382247          |
| Noonan Farmers Telephone Company                                | 381623          |
| North Central RSA 2 of North Dakota Limited Partnership         | 389006          |
| North Dakota RSA 3 of North Dakota Limited Partnership          | 389008          |
| North Dakota 5 - Kidder Limited Partnership                     | 389010          |
| North Dakota Network Co.  | 389004          |
| North Dakota Telephone Company                                  | 381447          |
| Northwest Communications Cooperative, a Cooperative Association | 381625          |
| Northwest Dakota Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership   | 389007          |
| Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corporation                     | 381630          |
| Polar Telcom, Inc.  | 389003          |
| Polar Telecommunications, Inc.                                  | 381614          |
| RC Communications, Inc.   | 391674          |
| Red River Rural Telephone Association                           | 381631          |
| Red River Telecom, Inc.   | 381631          |
| Reservation Telephone Cooperative                               | 381632          |
| Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association                | 391674          |
| SRT Communications, Inc.  | 383303          |
| Turtle Mountain Communications                                  | 381636          |
| United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation                         | 381636          |
| Venture Communications, Inc.                                    | 391680          |
| WWC Holding Co., Inc.   | 389001          |
| West River Cooperative Telephone Company                        | 391689          |
| West River Telecommunications Cooperative                       | 381637          |
| Wolverton Telephone Company                                     | 381509          |

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Public Service Commission  
USF Use Certification 47CFR54.314 (2006)  
Compliance**

**Case No. PU-05-467**

**ORDER**

**September 21, 2005**

Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act) requires telecommunications carriers to use universal service support "only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which support is intended." On May 23, 2001, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) released its Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45, and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256 (Fourteenth R&O). The Fourteenth R&O requires that each state public utility regulatory authority file an annual certification with the FCC to ensure that rural telecommunications carriers receiving federal funds under the program use the support only as provided in Section 254(e) of the Act. State certification must be filed no later than October 1 of each year in order for certified telecommunications carriers to receive support for the following year, 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(d).

On August 28, 2002, the NDPSC issued an order in Case No. PU-439-02-441 indicating that any telecommunications carrier providing local exchange service in North Dakota that desires to have NDPSC certification to the FCC under 47 C.F.R. §§54.313 or 54.314 shall file an affidavit with the NDPSC by September 14 of each year, as described in the order, certifying that federal support they receive is used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended as required by Section 254(e). The NDPSC further ordered that affidavits filed with the NDPSC will be the basis for the NDPSC's certification to the FCC.

Affidavits regarding use of federal universal service support for the year 2006 were filed with the NDPSC by the companies listed in the ordering clause below.

Under North Dakota law, the NDPSC has limited jurisdiction over rural telecommunications carriers. The FCC in its order recognized that some states have only limited regulatory oversight to ensure that federal universal support is reflected in intrastate rates and concluded that such states may nonetheless certify to the FCC that carriers in the state had accounted to the state commission for receipt of federal support, and that the support will be used as required under Section 254(e). (See Fourteenth R&O at ¶ 188). The FCC also recognized that some carriers may not be subject to the jurisdiction of a state regulatory authority, and in those instances carriers

can certify directly to the FCC by means of a sworn affidavit executed by a corporate officer attesting to the use of the support only for purposes permitted under the Act. (See Fourteenth R&O at ¶ 189).

Based on the foregoing, the NDPSC issues the following:

### **Order**

The NDPSC orders:

1. The NDPSC certifies that the following Eligible Telecommunications Carriers providing local exchange service in North Dakota have accounted to the NDPSC by affidavit that all federal support they receive is used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended as required by Section 254(e), or that they will only use the support they receive during the four quarters of 2006 (and all quarters thereafter) for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended under and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.101 throughout each respective company's study area:

#### LIST OF COMPANIES

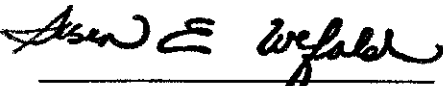


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| Absaraka Co-operative Telephone Company, Inc.         | North Central RSA 2 of North Dakota Limited Partnership         |
| BEK Communications Cooperative                        | North Dakota RSA 3 of North Dakota Limited Partnership          |
| Badlands Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership | North Dakota 5 – Kidder Limited Partnership                     |
| Bismarck MSA Limited Partnership                      | North Dakota Network Co.  |
| Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota, LLC | North Dakota Telephone Company                                  |
| Consolidated Telcom                                   | Northwest Communications Cooperative, a Cooperative Association |
| Dakota Central Telecom I                              | Northwest Dakota Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership   |
| Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative         | Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corporation                     |
| Dickey Rural Access, Inc.                             | Polar Telcom, Inc.  |
| Dickey Rural Communications Inc.                      | Polar Telecommunications, Inc.                                  |
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| Griggs County Telephone Company                       | Red River Rural Telephone Association                           |
| Halstad Telephone Company                             | Red River Telecom, Inc.   |
| HTC Services, Inc.                                    | Reservation Telephone Cooperative                               |
| Inter-Community Telephone Company, LLC                | Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association                |
| James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company            | SRT Communications, Inc.  |
| Loretel Systems, Inc.                                 | Turtle Mountain Communications                                  |
| Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative Inc.                 | United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation                         |
| Midstate Communications Inc                           | Venture Communications, Inc.                                    |
| Midstate Telephone Company                            |   |

Missouri Valley Communications, Inc.  
Moore & Liberty Telephone Company  
Nemont Telephone Cooperative Inc  
Noonan Farmers Telephone Company

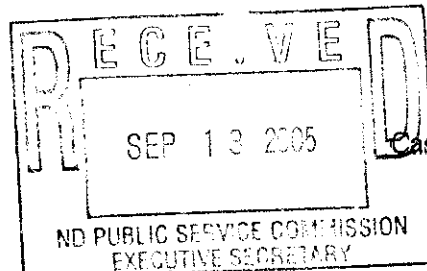
WWC Holding Co., Inc.  
West River Cooperative Telephone Company  
West River Telecommunications Cooperative  
Wolverton Telephone Company

2. The NDPSC certification is based upon the affidavits filed by the foregoing named Eligible Telecommunications Carriers.
3. The North Dakota Public Service Commission will send a copy of each of the filed affidavits to the Federal Communications Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company.

### **PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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| Susan E. Wefald<br>Commissioner   | Tony Clark<br>President  | Kevin Cramer<br>Commissioner  |

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Case No. PU-439-01-460

AFFIDAVIT

OF  
NOONAN FARMERS TELEPHONE COMPANY,  
a Cooperative Association

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA)

:ss

COUNTY OF DIVIDE)

Tom Rowse, being duly sworn upon oath, states as follows:

1. I am the Secretary/Treasurer of Noonan Farmers Telephone Company, a Cooperative Association, and pursuant to Article 6 of the Bylaws of the Noonan Farmers Telephone Company, a Cooperative Association, am a corporate officer.

2. I make this affidavit on behalf of Noonan Farmers Telephone Company, a Cooperative Association.

3. Noonan Farmers Telephone Company, a Cooperative Association, is a rural telecommunications carrier providing local exchange service in the State of North Dakota.

4. I hereby certify that pursuant to the provisions of Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, all federal support received by Noonan Farmers Telephone Company, a Cooperative Association is used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

5. This affidavit is made pursuant to the Order of the State of North Dakota Public Service Commission in Case No. PU-439-01-460 for the purpose of certification by the State of North Dakota Public Service Commission to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) pursuant to 47 C.F.R §§54.313 or 54.314.

Dated this 13 day of Sept., 2005.

  
TOM ROWSE

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13 day of sept., 2005.

(SEAL)



Notary Public

State of North Dakota

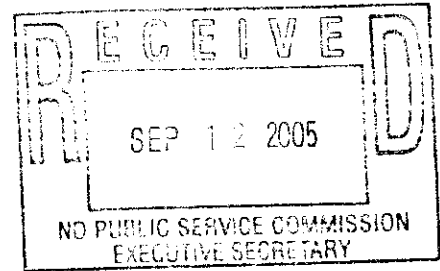
My Comm. expires: 6/14/09



**Missouri Valley**  
**Communications, INC.**  
TOTAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS

September 8, 2005

North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480



RE: North Dakota PSC 2005 ETC certification to the FCC for 2006 federal universal service support

Case No. PU-439-02-441

Dear Commissioners:

Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (Nemont), and Missouri Valley Communications, Inc. (Missouri Valley), rural incumbent local exchange carriers operating in Northwest North Dakota, respectfully request 2005 certification by the PSC to the FCC and USAC for 2006 federal high cost fund support.

Nemont serves the following exchanges: Ambrose, Fortuna and East Westby. Missouri Valley serves the Williston exchange. Nemont and Missouri are in the same study area, 382247. Nemont's OCN is 4453 and Missouri Valley's OCN is 587A.

As the general manager of Nemont and Missouri Valley, I have executed the enclosed affidavit certifying that Nemont and Missouri Valley will use all 2006 federal support provided through the federal rural and non-rural high cost funding mechanisms, for and only for, the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

Should you have any questions or concerns about this certification, please contact me by telephone at 1-406-783-2200.

Sincerely,

Shawn Hanson  
Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  
Missouri Valley Communications, Inc.  
General Manager

Enclosure

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Certification of USE of Federal Universal  
Service Support  
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**Missouri Valley**  
Communications, INC.  
TOTAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS

## AFFIDAVIT

North Dakota PSC 2005 ETC certification to the FCC for 2006 federal  
universal service support

Case No. PU-439-02-441

Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  
Missouri Valley Communications, Inc.

I, Shawn Hanson, being of lawful age and duly sworn, on my oath state that I am the general manager of Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (Nemont) and Missouri Valley Communications, Inc. (Missouri Valley), and that I am authorized to execute this Affidavit on behalf of Nemont and Missouri Valley and the facts set forth in this Affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. Pursuant to the rules of the Federal Communications Commission, 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, there must be an annual certification that funds received under the Federal Universal Service Fund programs will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. Nemont and Missouri Valley hereby certifies to the North Dakota Public Service Commission that pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.7 and for purposes of the North Dakota Public Service Commission certification required under 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, Nemont and Missouri Valley will use all federal high cost support provided to Nemont and Missouri Valley only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with the principles of universal service set forth in 47 U.S.C. § 254, including, but not limited to, the provision of services that are properly supported by the high cost funds at rates that are reasonably comparable to rates charged for similar services in urban areas.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2005.

Signed:

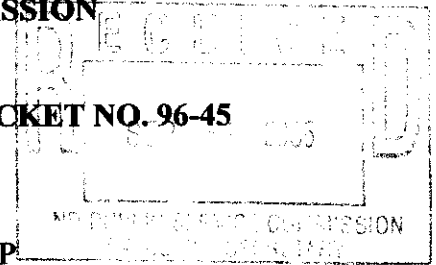
Shawn Hanson  
Shawn Hanson  
Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  
Missouri Valley Communications, Inc.  
General Manager

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2005.

Patricia J. Kanning  
Patricia J. Kanning  
Notary Public in and for the State of Montana  
My Commission expires: May 6, 2007

**BEFORE THE  
NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
AND BEFORE THE  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN DOCKET NO. 96-45**

**AFFIDAVIT OF  
BISMARCK MSA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP  
REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**



The undersigned, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is the corporate officer responsible for certifying Bismarck MSA Limited Partnership's (hereinafter "Company") use of high-cost federal universal service support.
2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support to be received by the Company, and with how the Company will use all of the Support that it receives.
4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communications Commission (hereinafter "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in Docket No. 96-45 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 and 54.314, which require certification to the FCC that all federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services within which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2006.
5. The Company hereby certifies that it will only use the Support that the Company receives for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support to provide the following services or functionalities, as described in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101(a)(1)-(9), throughout the Company's designated areas: (a) voice-grade access to the public switched telephone network; (b) local usage; (c) dual-tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent; (d) single-party service or its functional equivalent; (e) access to emergency services; (f) access to operator services; (g) access to

interexchange service; (h) access to directory assistance; and (i) toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers.

Dated this 29 day of August, 2005.

Bismarck MSA Limited Partnership

By *Mark R. Smith*

Title *Director*

State of North Dakota       )  
  ) ss.  
County of *Burleigh*       )

On this 29<sup>th</sup> day of *August*, 2005, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared *Mark R. Smith* the *President* (title) of Bismarck MSA Limited Partnership.

GREGORY L. LANGE  
Notary Public, State of North Dakota  
My Commission Expires Nov. 15, 2007

*Gregory L. Lange*  
Notary Public  
My Commission expires *11-15-07*

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**BEFORE THE  
NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**AND BEFORE THE  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN DOCKET NO. 96-45**

**AFFIDAVIT OF  
NORTH CENTRAL RSA 2 OF NORTH DAKOTA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP  
REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

The undersigned, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is the corporate officer responsible for certifying North Central RSA 2 of North Dakota Limited Partnership's (hereinafter "Company") use of high-cost federal universal service support.

2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.

3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support to be received by the Company, and with how the Company will use all of the Support that it receives.

4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communications Commission (hereinafter "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in Docket No. 96-45 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 and 54.314, which require certification to the FCC that all federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services within which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2006.

5. The Company hereby certifies that it will only use the Support that the Company receives for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support to provide the following services or functionalities, as described in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101(a)(1)-(9), throughout the Company's designated areas: (a) voice-grade access to the public switched telephone network; (b) local usage; (c) dual-tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent; (d) single-party service or its functional equivalent; (e) access to emergency services; (f) access to operator services; (g) access to

interexchange service; (h) access to directory assistance; and (i) toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers.

Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2005.

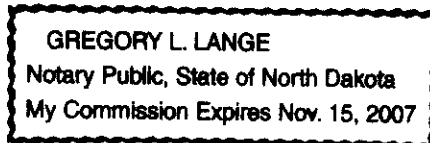
North Central RSA 2 of North Dakota Limited  
Partnership

By Dennis Hansel

Title President

State of North Dakota           )  
  ) ss.  
County of Burleigh           )

On this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2005, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Dennis Hansel, the President (title) for North Central RSA 2 of North Dakota Limited Partnership.



Gregory L. Lange  
Notary Public  
My Commission expires 11/15/07

**BEFORE THE  
NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**AND BEFORE THE  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN DOCKET NO. 96-45**

**AFFIDAVIT OF  
NORTHWEST DAKOTA CELLULAR OF NORTH DAKOTA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP  
REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

The undersigned, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is the corporate officer responsible for certifying Northwest Dakota Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership's (hereinafter "Company") use of high-cost federal universal service support.

2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.

3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support to be received by the Company, and with how the Company will use all of the Support that it receives.

4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communications Commission (hereinafter "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in Docket No. 96-45 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 and 54.314, which require certification to the FCC that all federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services within which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2006.

5. The Company hereby certifies that it will only use the Support that the Company receives for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support to provide the following services or functionalities, as described in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101(a)(1)-(9), throughout the Company's designated areas: (a) voice-grade access to the public switched telephone network; (b) local usage; (c) dual-tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent; (d) single-party service or its functional equivalent; (e) access to emergency services; (f) access to operator services; (g) access to

interexchange service; (h) access to directory assistance; and (i) toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers.

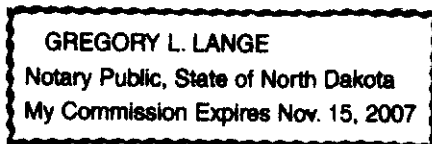
Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2005.

Northwest Dakota Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership

By *St D. Lysne*  
Title President

State of North Dakota       )  
  ) ss.  
County of Burleigh       )

On this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2005, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Steven D. Lysne the President (title) of Northwest Dakota Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership.



*Gregory L. Lange*  
Notary Public  
My Commission expires 11/15/07

BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN DOCKET NO. 96-45

AFFIDAVIT OF MOORE AND LIBERTY TELEPHONE COMPANY REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of North Dakota        )  
  ) ss.  
County of Ransom            )

Ray G. Brown, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by Moore and Liberty Telephone Company (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.

2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.

3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.


4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in Docket Number 96-45 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2006, and for all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that it will only use the Support that the Company receives during the four quarters of 2006 (and all quarters thereafter) for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support to support the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network; (b) local usage; (c) dual-tone multi-frequency signaling or its

functional equivalent; (d) single-party service or its functional equivalent; (e) access to emergency services; (f) access to operator services; (g) access to interexchange service; (h) access to directory assistance; and (i) toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers.


Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2005.

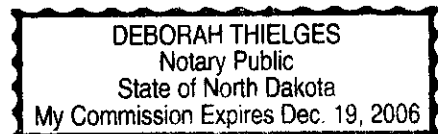
MOORE AND LIBERTY TELEPHONE  
COMPANY

By   
Ray G. Brown  
Its: Manager

State of North Dakota     )  
  ) ss.  
County of Ransom         )

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2005, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared RAY G. BROWN, known to me to be the Manager of MOORE AND LIBERTY TELEPHONE COMPANY, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota  
My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_



**BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN DOCKET NO. 96-45**

**AFFIDAVIT OF GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

State of North Dakota        )  
  ) ss.  
County of Griggs            )

Ray G. Brown, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by Griggs County Telephone Company (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.

2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.

3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.

4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in Docket Number 96-45 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001 in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2006, and for all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that it will only use the Support that the Company receives during the four quarters of 2006 (and all quarters thereafter) for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support to support the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network; (b) local usage; (c) dual-tone multi-frequency signaling or its

functional equivalent; (d) single-party service or its functional equivalent; (e) access to emergency services; (f) access to operator services; (g) access to interexchange service; (h) access to directory assistance; and (i) toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers.

Dated this 8th day of August, 2005.

GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE  
COMPANY

By

Ray G. Brown  
Ray G. Brown

Its: Manager

State of North Dakota )

County of Ransom ) ss.  
~~Griggs~~ )

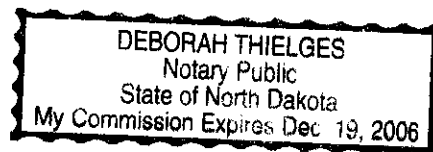
On this 8th day of August, 2005, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared RAY G. BROWN, known to me to be the Manager of GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

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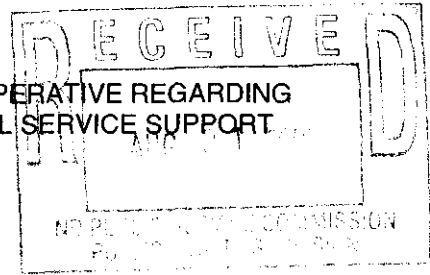
\_\_\_\_\_, Notary Public

For the State of North Dakota

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_



AFFIDAVIT OF VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT



State of North Dakota )

County of )ss.


Randy W. Houdek, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by Venture Communications Cooperative, (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
3. The Company serves 9 access lines within the boundaries of North Dakota and approximately 13,500 access lines within the boundaries of South Dakota.
4. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
5. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communications Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001 in Docket Number 96-45 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. \* 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. \* 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Order of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001 in Case No. PU-439-01-460. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2004, and for all quarters thereafter.
6. The Company hereby certifies that it will only use the Support that the Company receives during the four quarters of 2005 (and all quarters thereafter) for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. \* 54.7. The Company will use the Support to support the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. \* 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network; (b) local usage; (c) dual-tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent; (d) single-party service or its functional equivalent; (e) access to

emergency services; (f) access to operator services; (g) access to interexchange service; (h) access to directory assistance; and (i) toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers.

Dated this 29th day of August, 2005.

VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE

By:   
Randy W. Houdek

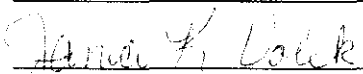
Its: Manager

State of South Dakota )

) ss.

County of Hyde )

On this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2005, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared RANDY W. HOUDEK, known to me to be the Manager for VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

 , Notary Public

For the State of South Dakota

My commission expires: 3-10-10

BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN DOCKET NO. 96-45

AFFIDAVIT OF NORTH DAKOTA TELEPHONE COMPANY REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of North Dakota     )  
                                  ) ss.  
County of Ramsey         )

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Dave Dircks, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by North Dakota Telephone Company (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.

2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.

3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.

4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in Docket Number 96-45 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2006, and for all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that it will only use the Support that the Company receives during the four quarters of 2006 (and all quarters thereafter) for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support to support the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network; (b) local usage; (c) dual-tone multi-frequency signaling or its

functional equivalent; (d) single-party service or its functional equivalent; (e) access to emergency services; (f) access to operator services; (g) access to interexchange service; (h) access to directory assistance; and (i) toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers.

Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2005.

NORTH DAKOTA TELEPHONE COMPANY

By [Signature]  
Dave Dircks  
Its: Manager

State of North Dakota     )  
  ) ss.  
County of Ramsey         )

On this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2005, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared DAVE DIRCKS, known to me to be the Manager of NORTH DAKOTA TELEPHONE COMPANY, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

[Signature]  
Ramsey County Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota  
My commission expires Feb 3, 2010

Shawna M. Senger  
Notary Public, State of North Dakota  
My Commission Expires February 3, 2010

BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN DOCKET NO. 96-45

AFFIDAVIT OF MID-RIVERS TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.  
REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of Montana     )  
                              ) ss.  
County of McCone    )

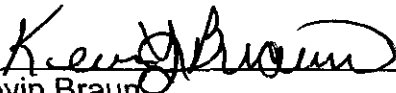
Kevin Braun, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of President.
2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001 in Docket Number 96-45 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Order of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2002 in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2006, and for all quarters thereafter.
5. The Company hereby certifies that it will only use the Support that the Company receives during the four quarters of 2006 (and all quarters thereafter) for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support to support the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network; (b) local usage; (c) dual-tone multi-frequency signaling or its

functional equivalent; (d) single-party service or its functional equivalent; (e) access to emergency services; (f) access to operator services; (g) access to interexchange service; (h) access to directory assistance; and (i) toll blocking for qualifying low-income consumers.


Dated this 29th day of August, 2005.

MID-RIVERS TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

By   
Kevin Braun  
Its: President

State of Montana     )  
                              ) ss.  
County of McCone    )

On this 29th day of August, 2005, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared KEVIN BRAUN, known to me to be the President of MID-RIVERS TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC., the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

  
Notary Public For the State of Montana  
My commission expires: January 12, 2008